

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant : GMEINER
Serial No. : 10/596,120
Confirm. No. : 2332
Filed : May 31, 2006
For : METHOD AND APPARATUS...
Art Unit : 2116
Examiner : Abdelmoniem I. Elamin
Dated : December 23, 2009

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

PETITION UNDER 37 CFR 1.136 (a)

Sir:

The Office Action dated August 25, 2009 provided for a shortened statutory period for response of three months.

The shortened statutory period expired November 25, 2009.

Since the attached response is being filed within the first month pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) Applicant respectfully requests the Examiner to charge the appropriate petition fee of \$130.00 (fee code 1251).

Respectfully submitted
for Applicant(s),



By: _____
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DATED: December 23, 2009
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SHOULD ANY OTHER FEE BE REQUIRED, THE PATENT AND
TRADEMARK OFFICE IS HEREBY REQUESTED TO CHARGE SUCH FEE TO
OUR DEPOSIT ACCOUNT 13-0410.